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OF THE  
FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
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Superintending School Committee,

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## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The selectmen have made the assessments of taxes for 1883, as follows :

State tax,	\$692.00
County tax,	778.46
Amount voted by town for town expenses,	3,000.00
Voted by town for decoration expenses,	25.00
Voted by town for schools,	300.00
Required by law for schools,	605.50
Swellage tax,	239.37
Non-resident highway tax,	46.63
Dog tax,	68.00
School-house tax in District No. 1,	36.32
"        "        "        11,	103.74
"        "        "        12,	26.08
"        "        "        N. L.,	13.88
Highway tax, not worked,	32.28
Taxes assessed after May 1, 1883,	15.70
	<hr/> \$5,982.96

This amount was committed to Luther M. Keneston for collection, who is credited by receipts from the town treasurer for the sum of

4,785.00

Leaving a balance in collector's hands of

1,197.96

By report of last year, the balance in hands of J. P.

Prescott, collector for 1882, was

500.00

Credited by receipts from treasurer for

400.00

Leaving a balance of

100.00

Report of last year showed the amount in hands of collector of 1881, to be

\$5.00

He credits himself with receipts from town treasurer for

5.00

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JULIUS B. HALE,  
GEORGE KNOWLES,  
JOHN M. CARR,

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*Selectmen  
of  
Wilmot.*

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR 1883.

## RECEIPTS.

Cash in the treasury, as per report March 1, 1883,	\$603.27
Received of State Treasurer, literary fund,	136.17
State Treasurer, railroad tax,	47.31
State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	765.51
State Treasurer, bounty on crows,	16.60
Benjamin Emons, for highway taxes,	3.38
James Stearns, overseer of poor, (amount received for county pauper claims,)	425.39
Selectmen, money hired,	407.00
Selectmen, amount of a note held against Francis Farnum, as reported last year,	241.65
George W. Whittemore, for interest on money,	.45
Sylvester Bunker, amount in full reported due on tax list of 1881,	5.00
J. P. Prescott, in part of the amount reported due on tax list of 1882,	400.00
Luther M. Keneston, collector, on tax list of 1883,	4,785.00
Whole amount of money received,	<u>\$7,836.73</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

PAID OUT ON OUTSTANDING NOTES AS FOLLOWS:

Paid Luther McCutchins, executor of the estate of Jacob Dole, note in full,	\$415.52
Randall Andrews, note in full,	258.80
J. Sherman Gove, note in full,	33.38
W. F. Langley, note in full,	112.94
Mrs. Amanda M. Upton, note in full,	35.83
Curtis Langley, note in full,	33.95
Horace S. Pingree, two notes, in full,	271.91
Morrill Currier, in part, on note,	25.00



Paid Mrs. Ellen W. Thompson, in part, on note,	\$80.00
Mrs. Sarah J. Heath, in part, on note,	25.00
Mrs. Lois Langley, in part, on note,	11.00
Mrs. Abigail C. Poor, in part, on note,	15.00
Mary A. Nelson, in part, on note,	20.00
Mary White, in part, on note,	60.51
Noyes C. Hill, in part, on note,	40.00
Ella J. Durgin, in part, on note,	50.00
Simeon P. Hall, in part, on note,	100.00
Alvah Chadwick, in part, on note,	300.00
S. E. and Ella Philbrick, trustees, in part, on note,	308.56
Helen M. Morey, in part, on note,	20.00
George W. Whittemore, in part on note,	40.00
John M. Carr, in part, on note,	200.00
W. F. Langley, administrator, in part, on note,	200.30
Mrs. Sally F. Clough, in part, on note,	70.00
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Whole amount paid on notes,	\$2,727.70

Paid by special orders from the selectmen :—

State tax,	\$692.00
County tax,	778.46
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	\$1,470.46

#### PAID SCHOOL-HOUSE TAXES.

School District No. 1,	\$36.32
“ “ No. 3,	11.00
“ “ No. 12,	25.89
“ “ No. 5, Scytheville, N. L.,	13.00
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	\$86.21

#### AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid to the several districts as follows :

District No. 1, Charles F. Gove,	\$163.32
2, John G. Currier,	51.79
3, John M. Carr,	89.63
4, Mrs. E. B. Dodge,	54.90
5, Joshua Holland,	49.18

District No. 6, William S. Morrill,	\$61.78
7, John T. Prescott,	54.80
8, George Chase,	216.56
9, Tyler S. Whittemore,	55.75
10, George B. Tewksbury,	47.54
11, Curtis Langley,	56.79
12, Charles A. Calef,	52.94
13, Hiram Davis,	44.13
Scytheville, New London, C. S. Whitney,	32.57
Sutton,	3.20
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Whole amount of school money,	\$1,034.88

Amount of money paid out on common orders given by selectmen :—

Paid James Stearns, overseer of poor, the amount of \$710.00  
it being money drawn from treasury to pay for  
support of poor, including county pauper claims,  
which amount (\$425.39) was paid back into  
treasury, as the receipts show,

#### PAID FOR REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid C. E. Babbitt, for work and lumber on bridge,	\$4.00
Sumner J. Clay, for repairing bridge,	1.50
Joseph G. Brown, work on culvert,	5.00
Curtis Langley, work on highway,	2.00
George W. Atwood, work and plank,	1.50
Richard F. Clay, work and plank on bridge,	2.50
Silas V. Bean, labor on highway,	5.00
N. A. Parker, for lumber used on bridges,	14.40
Horace Webster, for labor on highway,	5.00
Minot Stearns, for labor on highway,	3.00
E. B. Dodge, for lumber and work,	26.73
John M. Richards, for work and money paid out,	1.21
James M. Pillsbury, for work on road,	6.45
J. L. Langley, for work on road,	6.05
Eben Farnum, for bridge timber,	.75
S. E. Philbrick, for bridge plank,	3.50
Hiram Flanders, for work on road,	5.09



Paid Ezra D. Clay, for work on road,	\$1.50
C. F. Trussell, timber for bridge,	.84
J. O. Buswell, for work on bridge,	5.00
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	\$101.02

## PAID FOR BREAKING ROADS.

Abram Austin, breaking road, in 1883,	\$9.30
Ira W. Morrison, " "	5.60
D. H. George, " "	3.00
Gilbert Briggs, " "	8.70
B. S. Keniston, " "	4.90
C. E. Babbitt, " "	3.95
George Sleeper, " "	3.90
Horace Pedrick, " "	6.00
Ezra D. Clay, " "	5.00
Sumner J. Clay, " "	10.30
C. H. Thompson, " "	5.40
Morrill Currier, " "	5.00
J. F. Tilton, " "	4.00
Charles A. Calef, " "	9.00
W. H. H. Peabody, " "	9.40
Abram Austin, " "	1.00
D. H. George, " "	2.00
Curtis Langley, " " in 1882-3,	2.75
George W. Atwood, " "	10.70
Richard F. Clay, " "	5.55
J. L. Langley, " "	3.65
Abram Bickford, " "	6.00
S. B. Morey, " "	4.25
J. B. Cheney, " "	2.50
J. P. Prescott, " "	5.30
Joseph H. Walker, " "	4.50
F. E. Chase, " "	19.05
Daniel W. Farnum, " "	1.25
Cyrus Hobbs, " "	3.90
James Stearns, " "	3.50
Curtis Langley, " " 1883-4	1.65
Jesse F. Wilson, " "	2.20

Paid James A. Richards, breaking road, in 1883-4,	1.20
John G. Currier, " "	2.50
W. R. Barney, " "	5.40
Arthur A. Clark, " "	5.67
Horace Webster, " "	1.80
O. H. Langley, " "	7.50
R. F. Clay, " "	2.00
Silas V. Bean, " "	1.90

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Amount paid for breaking roads, \$201.17

Whole amount paid for repairs of highways, \$302.19

Paid Wm. H. H. Peabody, the amount of \$212.00  
it being for land damage awarded for Francis  
Farnum's new highway.

Francis Farnum, for building his new highway, 401.00

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The whole cost being \$613.00

PAID ON MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid Evans & Sleeper, for printing town reports for 1883,	\$31.00
J. B. Sanborn, for stationery,	3.33
J. F. White, for board and horse keeping of supervisors,	2.00
W. F. Langley, for time making town reports for 1882, and cash paid out for express and stationery,	6.65
Alva Waldron, for damage to horse on highway near S. Bunker's,	45.00
George H. Woodward, for damage to horse on highway,	20.00
Mark M. Morey, and others, for gravel bank deeded the town for repairs of highway,	25.00
Shirley & Stone, for legal services,	32.73
James Stearns, for expenses and cash paid out as overseer of poor,	20.45
W. F. Langley, for expenses and cash paid out as town treasurer,	19.75
A. J. Cheney, money voted by town to aid Pres- cott Jones Post, G. A. R.	25.00



Paid Shirley & Stone, for legal services,	\$3.00
Barnard & Barnard, for legal services,	5.00
Selectmen of Springfield, expenses when perambulating town line,	3.25
J. B. Hale, for board of selectmen and cash paid out for car fare,	3.05
J. B. Hale, cash paid for order book,	.75
J. B. Sanborn, for stationery,	2.79
Seth Goodhue, for board of selectmen,	6.00
L. M. Keneston, cash paid out for books furnished indigent children and for stationery as S. S. Committee, and printing bills for taxes,	4.45

Amount of miscellaneous bills, \$259.20

PAID OUT FOR BOUNTY ON CROWS AND WOODCHUCKS.

Paid W. F. Langley, for cash paid out,	\$4.80
J. B. Hale, " " " "	2.90
J. M. Carr, " " " "	3.70
Geo. Knowles, " " " "	2.70
	<u>\$14.10</u>

PAID FOR CERTIFICATES OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

Paid M. C. Spaulding,	\$1.50
J. P. Elkins,	5.75
H. A. Weymouth,	1.00
	<u>\$8.25</u>

PAID FOR DIGGING GRAVES.

Paid Melvin A. Tenney,	\$14.00
John G. Currier,	2.50
	<u>\$16.50</u>

PAID TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS.

Paid George Sleeper, supervisor,	\$8.00
Jacob F. White, "	8.00
Mark M. Morey, "	6.00
Seth Goodhue, town clerk, including returns of marriages, births and deaths, stationery and postage,	30.00
Julius B. Hale, 1st selectman,	39.37



Paid George Knowles, 2d selectman,	\$39.95
John M. Carr, 3d selectman,	21.75
Warren F. Langley, town treasurer,	30.00
James Stearns, overseer of poor,	28.50
Luther M. Keneston, S. S. Committee,	25.00
Luther M. Keneston, collector,	75.00
Fred E. Goodhue, auditor,	2.00
James O. Buswell, selectman in 1882, for services after settlement,	3.25
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Amount of town officers' bills,	\$316.82

## PAID FOR PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

Paid Samuel Heath,	\$6.00
James M. Pillsbury,	3.00
N. & G. C. Stevens,	3.00
S. E. Philbrick,	3.00
Benjamin C. Keneston,	3.00
Seth Goodhue,	3.00
John P. Bean,	3.00
A. J. Cheney,	3.00
F. J. Rowe,	3.00
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	\$30.00

PAID BY ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON LIST OF 1882.—J. P. PRESCOTT,  
COLLECTOR.

Frank Briggs, on poll,	\$1.70
Aleck Fleury,	2.89
George F. Hale, “	1.70
Walter Whittemore, “	1.70
John S. Wilson, “	1.70
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	\$9.69

PAID BY ABATEMENT OF TAXES ON LIST OF 1883.—L. M. KENESTON,  
COLLECTOR.

John Durgin, on dog,	\$2.00
A. J. Cheney, “	1.00
J. B. L. Smith, on poll,	1.90
“ “ School-house tax in District No. 12,	.19
Aleck Fleury,	4.32

Clara Sewall,	\$9.20
Silas B. Prescott,	11.21
Mrs. Elijah Taft,	3.23
Hiram Keser,	7.98
“ - “ School-house tax in District No. 11,	2.85
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	\$43.88

## PAID BY OVERTAX ON LIST OF 1883.

Freeman J. Rowe, on poll,	\$1.90
George R. McFarland, on poll,	1.90
“ “ School-house tax at Scytheville,	.13
Esther A. Leach,	12.35
“ “ School-house tax in District No. 1,	.47
F. E. Chase, on dog,	2.00
Joseph J. Chase, “	1.00
F. H. Clough, “	1.00
Lucy J. Langley, “	1.00
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	\$21.75
Non-resident highway taxes worked,	\$10.08

## A REVIEW OF THE AMOUNTS PAID OUT ON COMMON ORDERS.

Paid James Stearns, overseer of poor,	\$710.00
out for repairs of highways and bridges,	302.19
on Francis Farnum's new highway,	613.00
on miscellaneous bills,	259.20
for bounty,	14.10
certificates of births and deaths,	8.25
digging graves,	16.50
town officers' bills,	316.82
public watering places,	30.00
by abatements on tax list of 1882,	9.69
“ “ 1883,	43.88
overtax on list of 1883,	21.75
non-resident highway taxes worked,	10.08
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Whole amount of common orders paid,	\$2,355.46
Amount ordered to be paid for damage to sheep,	\$60.00



## RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of money received,		\$7,836.73
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Paid out on notes,	\$2,727.70	
State and county taxes,	1,470.46	
School-house taxes,	86.21	
School money,	1,034.88	
Orders,	2,355.46	
For damage to sheep by dogs,	60.00	
Cash in treasury,	102.02	
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		\$7,836.73

Rate per cent. on money tax, \$1.90 on \$100.

## OUTSTANDING DEBTS.

## LIST OF NOTES BEARING FOUR PER CENT. INTEREST.

Mrs. Ellen W. Thompson,	\$356.85
S. E. and Ella Philbrick, trustees,	1000.00
Mrs. Martha A. Pattee,	41.92
Simeon P. Hall,	220.11
Stephen Felch,	1,279.49
John M. Carr,	961.50
Alvah Chadwick,	458.09
Mrs. Nancy Carr,	222.37
Freeman Fellows,	336.85
Mrs. Hannah Sanborn,	423.08
Mrs. Sally F. Clough,	639.48
Emma M. Heath,	12.79
Mary A. Cross,	113.51
Susan M. Bunker,	380.06
Ursula M. Buswell,	78.83
John P. Bean,	138.71
Sumner J. Clay,	252.24
W. F. Langley, guardian,	667.97
Mrs. Abigail C. Poor,	218.71
Fletcher Philbrick,	194.72
Mrs. Abiah Philbrick,	217.12
W. F. Langley, administrator,	111.00
C. F. Trussell,	85.46



Mrs. Lois Langley,	\$156.39
Jonathan L. Langley,	131.17
Mary A. Farnum,	31.26
Mrs. Julia Pingree,	1,076.63
Otis B. Phelps,	60.09
Herbert A. Langley,	119.25
Mary A. Nelson,	21.00
Minnie J. Nelson,	10.66
Willie A. Nelson,	10.66
Noyes C. Hill,	304.38
Samuel C. Waldron,	114.87
George W. Atwood,	111.66
Cynthia A. Brown,	130.22
Morrill Currier,	170.00
Sarah J. Heath,	135.80
Sarah J. Heath, guardian,	21.22
Dennis Webster,	212.89
Mabel C. Brown,	26.56
George W. Whittemore,	223.12
Harris G. Fisher,	104.69
Lewis T. Johnson,	76.97
Ella J. Durgin,	16.13
Minnie N. Buzzell,	15.39
Frank L. Chase,	37.91
Helen M. Morey,	31.04
Lovina A. Heath,	50.84
Lucinda Sanborn,	66.12
Mary White,	49.94
Whole amount of notes,	<u>\$11,927.72</u>

Statement of indebtedness of the town of Wilmot, March 1, 1884.

Amount of notes outstanding,	\$11,927.72
School-house tax, due District No. 11,	100.00
Literary fund in treasury,	136.17
Estimated claims unpaid,	50.00
Total debt,	<u>\$12,213.89</u>

## ASSETS.

Due on notes held by town,	\$41.34
On B. S. Keniston's note,	41.84
From J. P. Prescott on tax list of 1882,	100.00
From L. M. Keneston on tax list of 1883,	1,197.96
From state for bounty,	14.10
Cash in treasury,	102.02
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Amount of assets,	\$1,497.26
Taken from the total debt leaves the actual debt to be,	\$10,716.63
Showing a reduction of the actual debt from last year's report,	\$1,742.24

## MEMORANDUM OF DOG TAX FOR THE YEAR 1883.

Amount of dog tax assessed the past year was,	\$68.00
Abatements and overtax allowed,	8.00
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Leaving a balance of	\$60.00

Amount of bills allowed and ordered to be paid for damage done to sheep, are as follows :—

E. B. Dodge,	\$3.53
C. F. Trussell,	17.65
John M. Carr,	3.53
Samuel C. Waldron,	3.53
Samuel Thompson,	1.76
F. E. Chase,	10.59
J. M. Pillsbury,	1.76
Alvah Chadwick,	17.65
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	\$60.00

Showing the dog tax all expended.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN F. LANGLEY, *Treasurer.*

This certifies that I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of receipts and expenditures, and find them correctly added, and vouchers for the same.

Wilmot, February 27, 1884.

F. E. GOODHUE, *Auditor.*



I wish to call your attention to the most important matter we have to contend with, and one that interests every tax payer in town, and that is the town debt. We often hear it remarked that the debt is not reduced very much or very fast, and for that reason will not vote to raise money for that purpose. I think the statement I will make will convince everyone that there has been on an average a good reduction of the debt for the last twelve years, the facts which I will take from the records of the treasurer's books, having had them in my possession for that time. The statement will show the reduction or the increase of debt each year as follows:—

March 1, 1872. Amount of outstanding notes were	\$36,640.27
1873.       "               "               "	37,112.13
<i>Showing an increase of debt this year of \$471.86</i>	
1874. Amount of outstanding notes,	35,546.61
<i>Showing a reduction this year of \$1,565.52</i>	
1875. Amount of outstanding notes,	23,892.00
<i>Showing a reduction of \$11,654.61</i>	
A portion of this large reduction was derived from the sale of state bonds which the town held. <i>Amount received for bonds</i>	
	\$8,640.20
1876. Amount of outstanding notes,	20,578.59
<i>Showing a reduction this year of \$3,313.41</i>	
A portion of the reduction was derived from the sale of personal property on town farm, <i>Amount received was</i>	
	\$1,053.86
1877. Amount of outstanding notes,	20,774.15
<i>Showing an increase of debt of \$195.56</i>	
<i>There was received this year from town farm property,</i>	
	\$341.19
1878. Amount of outstanding notes,	19,884.10
<i>Showing a reduction this year of \$890.05</i>	
<i>Received this year in part for sale of town farm,</i>	
	\$250.00
1879. Amount of outstanding notes,	17,240.30
<i>Showing a reduction this year of \$2,643.80</i>	
<i>Rec'd the bal. for sale of town farm, \$1,499.06</i>	



March 1, 1880. Amount of outstanding notes,	\$16,667.84
<i>Showing a reduction of</i>	\$572.41
1881. Amount of outstanding notes,	16,170.48
<i>Showing a reduction of</i>	\$497.41
1882. Amount of outstanding notes,	14,986.11
<i>Showing a reduction of</i>	\$1,184.37
1883. Amount of outstanding notes,	13,708.14
<i>Showing a reduction of</i>	\$1,277.97
1884. Amount of outstanding notes,	11,927.72
<i>Showing a reduction of</i>	\$1,780.42

The whole reduction made on the notes as above given, besides the interest paid, is \$25,184.41; the portion of that amount derived from the sale of state bonds and town farm and property was \$11,784.31, which taken from the whole amount of the reduction of notes leaves the amount of \$13,400.00, making an average of a little more than \$1,100.00 a year. Aside from this the amount of interest paid on the notes for 12 years past amounts nearly to \$14,000, which would average almost \$1,200 a year. This added to the average reduction of \$1,100, makes the sum of nearly \$2,300 that has been paid each year and derived mostly from taxation.

The interest on the notes in 1873 amounted to nearly \$2,225.00  
 " " " " for next year will be " 480.00

Making a vast difference in amount of interest.

Now if we can apply the sum of \$1,500 each year to the outstanding notes for the next ten years, it will cancel the amount of notes, both principal and interest, which result, I think, we should all be pleased to see accomplished.

WARREN F. LANGLEY, *Treasurer.*

# REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1884.

## CASH PAID OUT FOR THE SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1884.

Paid for the support of Nathaniel Brown, To Melendy & Emerson, for goods furnished,	\$51.74	
John P. Bean, for wood,	14.25	
	<hr/>	\$65.99
Paid for the support of Josephine Durgin, To John Durgin, for board, etc.,	\$78.00	
J. P. Elkins, M. D., medical attendance,	2.50	
	<hr/>	\$80.50
Paid for the support of Daniel Prescott, To Harriet Prescott, for board from Sept. 12, 1883, to Feb. 1, 1884, 20 $\frac{2}{7}$ weeks, at \$1.50 per week,	\$30.42	
James Stearns, for clothing and tobacco,	2.54	
	<hr/>	\$32.96
Paid for the support of Mrs. John Walker, To Mrs. C. C. Chase, for board from Sept. 12, 1883, to Feb. 1, 1884, 20 $\frac{2}{7}$ weeks, at \$3.00 per week,	\$60.86	\$60.86
Paid for the support of Mrs. Peter McKenzie, To James McKenzie, for board from Sept. 12, 1883, to Feb. 1, 1884, 20 $\frac{2}{7}$ weeks, at \$1.25 per week,	\$25.36	\$25.36
Paid for the support of Amanda Phelps, To James M. Pillsbury, for board from Sept. 12, 1883, to Feb. 1, 1884, 20 $\frac{2}{7}$ weeks, at \$1.25 per week,	\$25.36	\$25.36



Paid for the support of Alexander Flora's family,		
To Mrs. Abram Austin, for work, nursing, etc.,	\$20.00	
F. Farnum, for supplies furnished.	29.26	
Melendy & Emerson, for pork,	1.35	
H. A. Weymouth, M. D., medical attendance,	50.00	
	<hr/>	\$100.61
Paid for the support of Mrs. Lucinda Carter,		
To E. A. Isbell, M. D., medical attendance,	\$32.75	\$32.75
Paid for the support of John Bird, transient,	\$1.00	\$1.00
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## PAID OUT FOR THE SUPPORT OF TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid for the support of Daniel Prescott,		
To Harriet Prescott, for board from Mar.		
1, 1883, to Sept. 11, 27 $\frac{6}{7}$ weeks, at \$1.50		
per week,	\$41.76	
Extra for care and nursing while sick,	10.00	
James Stearns, for tobacco,	1.96	
J. P. Elkins, M. D., medical attendance,	3.75	
	<hr/>	\$57.47
Paid for the support of Mrs. Peter McKenzie,		
To James M. McKenzie, for board from		
March 1, 1883, to Sept. 11, 27 $\frac{6}{7}$ weeks		
at \$1.25 per week,	\$34.83	\$34.83
Paid for the support of Mrs. John Walker,		
To Mrs. C. C. Chase, for board from		
March 1, 1883, to Sept. 11, 27 $\frac{6}{7}$ weeks,		
at \$3.00 per week,	83.58	
J. P. Elkins, M. D., medical attendance,	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$89.33
Paid for the support of Amanda Phelps,		
To James M. Pillsbury, for board from		
March 1, 1883, to Sept. 11, 27 $\frac{6}{7}$ weeks,		
at \$1.25 per week,	\$34.83	\$34.83
Paid for the support of William Cheney,		
To Joseph B. Cheney, for board,	\$23.72	



Paid James Stearns, supplies furnished,	\$1.23	
J. P. Elkins, M. D., medical attendance,	15.50	
Seth Goodhue, for coffin and robe,	10.50	
J. H. Yeoman, for attending funeral,	2.00	
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		\$52.95
The whole amount paid on town paupers to Feb. 1, 1884, is		\$269.41
The whole amount paid on county paupers to Feb. 1, 1884, is		\$425.39
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The actual amount used to support the poor for the year is		\$694.80

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### RECAPITULATION.

#### CASH RECEIVED.

Cash in hand of the overseer from last year,	\$26.75	
Of town treasurer,	710.00	
Of the County of Merrimack,	425.39	
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		\$1,162.14

#### CASH PAID FOR COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid for the support of Nathaniel Brown,	\$65.99	
Josephine Durgin,	80.50	
Daniel Prescott,	32.96	
Mrs. John Walker,	60.86	
Mrs. Peter McKenzie,	25.36	
Amanda Phelps,	25.36	
Alexander Flora's family,	100.61	
Mrs. Lucinda Carter,	32.75	
John Bird, transient,	1.00	
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		\$425.39

#### CASH PAID FOR TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid for the support of Daniel Prescott,	\$57.47
Mrs. Peter McKenzie,	34.83

Paid for the support of Mrs. John Walker,	\$89.33	
Amanda Phelps,	34.83	
William Cheney,	52.95	
	<hr/>	\$269.41
Paid W. F. Langley, county pauper money,		425.39
Cash on hand,		41.95
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		\$1,162.14

JAMES STEARNS, *Overseer of Poor.*

This certifies that I have carefully examined the foregoing accounts of receipts and expenditures, and find them properly entered, correctly added, and vouchers for the same.

F. E. GOODHUE, *Auditor.*

Wilmot, Feb. 28, 1884.

# REPORT

OF THE

## SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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### DISTRICT NO. 1.—WILMOT CENTRE.

The summer term was taught by Alice R. Ford, of Danbury. When I visited this school it was quiet almost to a fault. Good progress was made by many of the classes. Good order was maintained throughout the term; and I think Miss Ford gave satisfaction to every person in the district.

The winter term was taught by your humble servant, who is willing to abide the verdict of the citizens and scholars.

### DISTRICT NO. 2.—NORTH ROAD.

The summer term, taught by Mary A. Thompson, was somewhat broken by sickness, and the improvement consequently retarded. Miss Thompson is a thorough and energetic scholar, and is destined, we trust, to make one of our best teachers.

The winter term was taught by Martha J. Walker, of Danbury. I deem it sufficient to say of this term, that it was very much like all Miss Walker's schools.

### DISTRICT NO. 3.—CARR HILL.

The summer term was taught by Lucy M. Shepard. The scholars were few, but smart, the teacher young, but spunky, and the natural results followed—a good school.

The fall term was taught by Ida M. Collins. Miss Collins is one of those fine scholars who can impart knowledge readily, and she taught this school very successfully.

### DISTRICT NO. 4.—TURNPIKE.

Both terms were taught by Emma Collins, and were decidedly successful.



## DISTRICT NO. 5.—BUSWELL DISTRICT.

The summer term was taught by Annie Cora McConnell, of New London. Miss McConnell is a good scholar, but lacked a little perhaps in point of experience and judgment.

The winter term, taught by Nettie F. Currier, was just what you might have had reason to expect, judging from her former reports.

## DISTRICT NO. 6.—EAGLE POND.

Both terms were taught by Annie L. H. Knowles, whose interest in children gives her an influence over them which very few can gain. Under her teaching the scholars learned rapidly.

## DISTRICT NO. 7.—PRESCOTT HILL.

Both terms were taught by Martha M. Messer. Miss Messer is highly qualified to teach larger schools than this, and Prescott Hill may congratulate itself on being able to secure the services of so able a teacher, and at the same time be proud of the advancement made by the scholars under her instruction.

## DISTRICT NO. 8.—WILMOT FLAT.

The summer and fall terms were taught by Mrs. G. B. Chase, a teacher of ability and experience, who did well by the scholars, taking a great interest in them, and laboring hard for their good. They responded well, and a good school was the result.

The winter term was very successfully taught by Mr. James W. Flanders.

## DISTRICT NO. 9.—EAST WILMOT.

The summer term was taught by Jennie Emerson, of West Andover. This was one of the schools, the closing examination of which I was not able to attend, but judge from the report that it was a very good school.

The fall term was taught by Ada Huntoon, of Danbury. Some of the scholars did not attend regularly, but the teacher did her work well, and those who were disposed to learn had no hindrance from doing so. Pearl C. Whittemore has neither missed a day nor a lesson for the past four years.

## DISTRICT NO. 10.—LANGLEY DISTRICT.

Only one term and that taught by Bion E. Gale, a teacher of experience, and one whose motto is, "First order, then lessons." This motto he put into practice most effectually, a fact to which several of the large boys can testify. The citizens were well pleased with the school, and the scholars presented the teacher with a token of love and appreciation.

## DISTRICT NO. 11.—WHITE DISTRICT.

Both terms were taught by Martha J. Walker, with, if possible, a greater degree of success and interest than usual. The scholars made rapid and thorough advancement, and gave an exhibition, at the close of the fall term, which reflected great credit upon their ability and training.

## DISTRICT NO. 12.—CROSS HILL.

The summer term was taught by Mary A. Stevens, of Salisbury, a teacher of considerable experience. She met with fair success, but let it be understood that some of the scholars in this district are not overburdened with a zeal for knowledge, and this is no place for a teacher to win laurels.

The fall term was taught by Mary A. Thompson, who met with fair success, considering the circumstances.

## DISTRICT NO. 13.—UNDER THE HILL.

Neither of the terms of school in this district has been what the high scholarship and aspiration of some of the pupils demand.

Gertrude E. Felch, of Sutton, taught the summer and Stella M. Hoyt, the winter term. Both teachers were opposed by elements of which I am aware, but will not burden the public with an explanation, deeming it wiser to give it directly where it is due. Although some of the scholars made a fair degree of progress, they did not reach the standard which they might have gained under more favorable circumstances.

During the past year, and especially during the past two years, I believe there has been a decided improvement in our schools, and the scholarship, in many of the schools, is much higher.



It is a fact that we have many excellent scholars in town. They not being possessed of the idea that they are too nice, or that it is a disgrace for them to attend a district school, have availed themselves of this best of opportunities of gaining knowledge, and at the same time greatly raised the standard and interest of their respective schools.

That an educational interest has been awakened in town is manifest, first, in the fact that many large scholars, who have been out of school for many terms, have returned, and made praiseworthy improvement; and, second, that at a few days' notice of the opening of a high school, 54 scholars responded at once, all but two of whom are permanent residents of Wilmot.

I am happy to announce that we have a complete line of textbooks, furnished at greatly reduced prices, thus bringing them within the reach of all. Taking in view this fact and the constantly increasing interest of the citizens, we have a right to expect that our schools will go on improving, and cast a good influence on the future of our town.

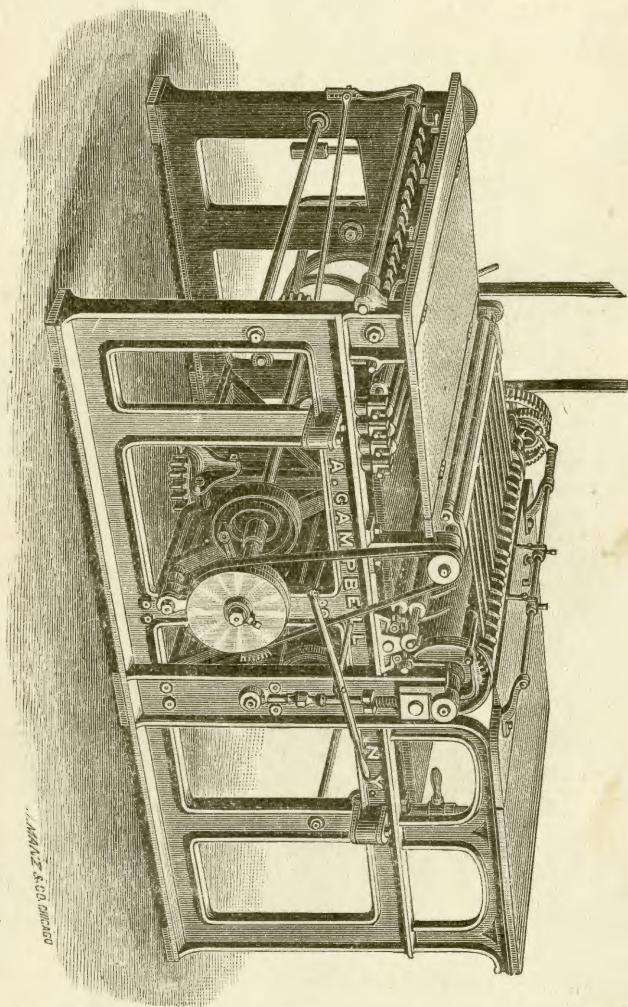
LUTHER M. KENESTON,  
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